given. If you examine the figure, you will be able to know whether it is too large to need explanation or not.

Mr. S. S. KODER (*Mattancheri*).

Sir, then, it is left for us all to study and understand the budget. That information, when the amount is very big, will help the matter very much.

Mr. M. K. RAMAN (*Ezhuva South*).

The Finance Member gives the report. We can only make cuts on such items as appear in the budget.

President.—When the matter is under discussion, you can ask the Government members for any explanation, and they will give you the same—of course, so far as they can, from the records in their possession. There is no objection in proposing cuts. Government welcomes candid criticism, by whomsoever it is offered.

Mr. V. K. KOCHUNNI MENON (*Ernakulam*).

In the rules, Appendix VI, we find copies of the Reports and proceedings will be sent to the members.

President.—After the budget is passed, we publish the Administration Report. You have—before that—Departmental Reports, reviewing the administration of each department. So also, in regard to the budget. The budget of each department is taken and passed, and the whole is then published. Whenever a larger figure than that for the previous year is shown, some explanation may be necessary.

Mr. C. ACHYUTA MENON (*Mulakunnattukavu*).

When we send notices of cuts, it is usual to write on the back of the Motion Form what all information we require. Probably, that has not been done by most of the members. If that was pointed out, the Departmental Heads would have been ready with the necessary explanations.

President.—Since this is the first business session, members themselves do not know the procedure. It is now 2 p. m. We will adjourn for lunch.

The Council resumed its sitting at 3 p. m.

DEMAND XI.—Registration.—Rs. ·68 lakh.

Motion No. 38.

Mr. MATHEW KOLADI VATAKKOT (*Kunnamkulam*).

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 68,100 under Registration by Rs. 4,000.

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Mr. A. K. VENGU AYYAR (*Secretary to the Diwan*).

Sir, I rise to move for the grant of Rs. 42,426 under "Registration". This department has, on the receipt side, a sum of Rs. 1,35,000. The expenditure of the department in 1099 was only Rs. 68,150. The budget estimate for the current year is Rs. 64,600, and the total amount provided for the year 1101 is Rs. 68,100. The excess is accounted for as follows:— A sum of Rs. 200 has been provided towards the pay for 4 months, of a temporary clerk on Rs. 50 per mensem, appointed for bringing the Registration Manual up-to-date. The term of the temporary clerk on Rs. 20 in the Chalakkudi Registry Office has to be extended for the whole of 1101. The cost of this comes to Rs. 240. There is an increase of Rs. 150 under "Travelling Allowance", as compared with the actuals of 1099. This increase is due to the fact that, during the major part of the year 1099, a second class officer presided over the department, whereas, now, it is presided over by a first class officer. A sum of Rs. 2,865 has also been provided towards leave allowance. There is nothing more to be explained.

Mr. MATHEW KOLADI VATAKKOT (*Kunnamkulam*).

In that case, I withdraw my motion.

The motion was, by leave, withdrawn, and the grant was made.

DEMAND XII—Anchal—Rs. ·68 lakh.

Motion Nos. 39 and 40.

Mr. S. F. NUNEZ (*Anglo-Indians*).

To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 68,900 under Anchal by Rs. 1,000.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 68,900 under Anchal by one rupee.

Mr. A. K. VENGU AYYAR (*Secretary to the Diwan*).

Sir, I rise to move for a Demand of Rs. 62,375 under Anchal.

The Anchal Department exists mainly for the convenience of the public, and it is a fact that the department could not work without co-operation from the public; and since the British Post Offices also exist in the State, and British letter boxes are also planted in prominent places—side by side or near

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